

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

JOSEPH W. HUNTER, TDCJ #1981619,)	
(prior Dallas County # 13034945),)	
Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	No. 3:18-CV-1589-D
)	
DOUGLAS HUGH SCHOPMEYER,)	
et al.,)	
Defendants.)	

**ORDER OF THE COURT ON RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
REQUEST TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS ON APPEAL**

Considering the record in this case and the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, the Court hereby finds and orders:

- () The request for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal is GRANTED.
- (X) The application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal is **DENIED** because the Court certifies pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that the appeal is not taken in good faith. In support of this certification, the Court adopts and incorporates by reference the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendation filed in this case on June 21, 2018 (doc. 6), May 17, 2019 (doc. 17), and January 31, 2020 (doc. 20). Based on those findings, this Court finds that the appeal presents no legal points of arguable merit and is therefore frivolous.
- (X) Although this court has certified that the appeal is not taken in good faith under 28 U.S. C. § 1915(a)(3) and Fed. R. App. P. 24(a)(3), the plaintiff may challenge this finding pursuant to *Baugh v. Taylor*, 117 F.3d 197 (5th Cir. 1997), by filing a separate motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal with the Clerk of Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, within 30 days of this order. The cost to file a motion to proceed on appeal with the Fifth Circuit is calculated below, and if the plaintiff moves to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis* the prison authorities will be directed to collect the fees as calculated in this order.

(1) The plaintiff is assessed an initial partial fee of **\$5.00**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1).

(2) Thereafter, the plaintiff shall pay **\$500.00**, the balance of the filing fee, in periodic installments. The plaintiff is required to make payments of 20% of the preceding month's income credited to the plaintiff's prison account until the plaintiff has paid the total filing fees of \$505.00. The agency having

custody of the plaintiff shall collect this amount from the trust fund account or institutional equivalent, when funds are available and when permitted by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2), and forward it to the clerk of the district court.

(3) If the plaintiff files a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal directly with the Fifth Circuit, the clerk shall serve a copy of this order on the inmate accounting office or other person(s) or entity with responsibility for collecting and remitting to the district court interim filing payments on behalf of prisoners, as designated by the facility in which the prisoner is currently or subsequently confined.

DATE: March 20, 2020.


SIDNEY A. FITZWATER
SENIOR JUDGE